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The amendment was put to the House and carried.

The original motion of Mr. Ramachandra Rao as amended was then put to the House and carried ('That the meeting be adjourned to the 26th February.')

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Before rising I may inform the House that as regards the Committee about the Deputy President (those Members of this Council who are also members of that Committee may like to know) that I have fixed 3–30 p.m. to-morrow for its meeting. I hope it will be convenient to all hon. Members who are members of that Committee to attend it, and that it may be possible to finish the proceedings in time for them to leave this place in the evening."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—" I am extremely sorry, Sir, that I have arranged to leave this evening in view of the fact that this meeting would be adjourned."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" We shall take our chance, and I am sure that those who are not present will be glad to receive the report sent to them in a final shape."

The House then adjourned to meet again on the 26th instant at 11 a.m.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

APPENDIX A.

[Vide page 1724 supra.]

Proceedings of the twenty-second meeting for 1922–23 of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council held at Fort St. George on Saturday, the 27th January 1923.

PRESENT:

(1) The Hon'ble Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER, K.C.S.I. (Chairman).
(2) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
(3) ,, Rao Bahadur O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
(4) ,, Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
(5) ,, A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
(6) Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB.
(7) Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN.
(8) Mr. A. M. MACDOUGALL.
(9) Mr. C. E. WOOD.
(Mr. W. HUTTON was also invited to be present.)

Read again scheme relating to the improvements to the Cooum River—Construction of the Harbour-Cooum canal (estimated cost about 14 lakhs). [The scheme was discussed in the meeting of the 18th January 1923 and was postponed for consideration.] Mr. Hutton, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, who was invited to be present, explained the scheme to the Committee.

The Committee were unable to recommend expenditure on the scheme without further expert enquiry. They would recommend that the question

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be exhaustively examined in its harbour, sanitary and railway aspects and that a sum of Rs. 20,000 be provided (under class I) for the preliminary expenses of such an enquiry. If necessary, a supplementary grant may be moved in the course of the year 1923–24 for the commencement of work on the lines that may be approved.

2. *Read* scheme relating to the electric installation for the new chemistry block of the Presidency College, Madras (estimated cost Rs. 35,000).

The Committee would like to have an explanation of the necessity for the estimate, especially the items of lift and motor generator. Meanwhile, they would recommend a provision of Rs. 15,000 in class I.

3. *Read* scheme relating to the increase in the pay of Assistant Professors of the Law College, Madras. [The Assistant Professors had submitted a memorial praying that their pay might be raised from Rs. 250 per mensem to Rs. 400 per mensem.]

The Committee recommended an increase to Rs. 350 per mensem, the scheme being included in the budget for 1923–24 (class I).

4. *Read* scheme for the housing of clerks in the Government Farm, Saidapet. The scheme placed before the Committee related to the construction of 160 sets of quarters at a cost of 3·67 lakhs.

The Committee recommended a provision of 1·50 lakhs in the loan budget for 1923–24 on the understanding that this should be expended on *completing* a small number of clerks' houses rather than on making a commencement on a larger number.

5. *Read* scheme relating to grants (·40 lakh) to the Agency District Board for communications.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the proposal, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

6. *Read* scheme relating to the provision of funds on account of the Provincial and British Empire Exhibitions.

The Committee recommended a provision of 1·50 lakhs in class I for the London Exhibition. In view of the present financial position, the Committee by a majority did not advise any expenditure on a local exhibition.

7. *Read* scheme relating to the travelling allowance to policemen travelling on duty by motor bus.

The Committee considered that the case was sufficiently provided for by the new travelling allowance rules (rule 26).

8. *Read* scheme relating to the acquisition of land near the Ice House for the Medical School for Women in Madras (cost about ·90 lakh).

The Committee was in favour of the scheme.

9. *Read* again scheme relating to the improvements to the water-supply in the Coimbatore Agricultural College estate (cost Rs. 14,964 of which a sum of Rs. 11,500 will be spent in 1922–23).

The scheme was previously discussed at the meeting of the 20th January 1923.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the proposal subject to a charge for water being added to the rent of quarters on the estate.

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10. *Supplementary demands.*—The Committee accepted the proposal for the following supplementary demands :—

	Amount of demand.
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(i) 32. MEDICAL—on account of refund of contributions paid by the Madura District Board and Municipality towards the headquarter hospital	11,262
(ii) 22. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—on account of payment of arrears of war allowances to copyist establishment in the Revenue Department	32,140

11. *Supplementary demand.*—In regard to the proposal for a supplementary demand of 10 lakhs under "47. Miscellaneous" on account of payments to persons who suffered during the Mappilla rebellion, the Committee were evenly divided between acceptance and postponement.

12. The following papers were placed on the table :—

(1) G.O. No. 24, Law (Education), dated 9th January 1923, sanctioning the constitution of District Secondary Education Boards, and

(2) G.Os. Nos. 102 and 103, Finance, dated 26th January 1923, sanctioning additional allotments (totalling Rs. 28,000) on account of Contract contingencies for the High Court, and Civil and Sessions Courts.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th January 1923. C. G. TODHUNTER.

APPENDIX B.

[*Vide* page 1724 *supra.*]

Proceedings of the twenty-third meeting for 1922–23 of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council held at Fort St. George on Monday, the 29th January 1923.

PRESENT:

(1) The Hon'ble Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER, K.C.S.I. (Chairman).
(2) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
(3) ,, Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
(4) ,, A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
(5) Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB.
(6) Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN.
(7) Mr. A. M. MACDOUGALL.
(8) Mr. C. E. WOOD.
(M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR did not attend.)

Read proposals relating to the budget provision in 1923–24 for grants to local bodies.